

# Memorandum

**To:** Bacteriology Laboratories Staff

**CC:** State Laboratory Institute Staff, Dr. DeMaria, Commissioner Ferguson, Marianne Fleckner

**From:** Ralph Timperi, Director, State Laboratory Institute; Assistant Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health 

**Date:** 4/27/2004

**Re:** Appointment of Linda Han, MD, MPH as Director of the Bacteriology Laboratories and Associate Director, State Laboratory Institute

I am pleased to announce that effective today, Dr. Linda Han will assume the position of Director of the Bacteriology Laboratories and Associate Director of the Bureau of Laboratory Sciences. Dr. Han will direct the programs of the Enteric Laboratory, PFGE Laboratory, Reference Bacteriology Laboratory, Food Laboratory, Dairy Laboratory and the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Laboratory. In addition, she will continue to lead the initiative to establish a fee-for-service system for TB testing including the pilot phase of a secure web-based electronic test request and reporting system.

Dr. Han received a Bachelor of Arts (Molecular Biology) Summa Cum Laude from Princeton University, a Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School and a Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health. She was a medical epidemiologist in the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service where she participated in many infectious disease outbreak investigations including an outbreak of West Nile virus meningoencephalitis in Romania. She performed her Pediatric residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and is a board certified Pediatrician.

In addition to the many important core responsibilities that Dr. Han will undertake in her new role, she will be focusing on the science and policy issues related to the public health laboratory aspects of four priority objectives in the near term,

- Development of the Integrated Microbiology Laboratory Information System (IML) related to the Bacteriology Laboratories programs
- Strengthening communication and coordination among our laboratory programs and our primary clients and partners, such as the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, Clinical Laboratories, Infectious Disease practitioners, local boards of health and the Centers for Disease Control
- Career development of staff
- New, reemerging and drug-resistant infectious diseases
- Strategic planning including financial analysis and forecasts for the Bacteriology Laboratories

Enclosure: Organizational chart

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